water except for a few houses, which are situated at a higher elevation and at the tail end of the distribution system. The position is likely to improve after commissioning of second Phase of 100 M.G.D. water treatment Plant at Haiderpur already constructed.

(b) Yes, Sir. The residents have approached the CPWD with regard to the shortage of water. However, since the responsibility for supply of water in the area is that of M.C.D., the CPWD have been, in turn, requested the M.C.D. to augment the water supply.

(c) and (d) A few complaints of installation of on-line boosters by some individual residents are being received from time-to-time and action is taken for their removal.

Payment of pension and gratuity to retired persons in CPWD

2580. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of employees who retired from service in the months of May, June, 1994 in Electrical Division-I, CPWD in the cadre of Lift Operator and other technical staff;

(b) what is the number of such employees who have since been paid pension and gratuity after their retirement and what is the number of those who have yet to receive the same;

(c) what are the reasons for inordinate delay in processing their applications for payment of terminal benefits; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government for making payment at the earliest?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Two.

(b) Both the retired lift operators have been authorised pension by the Pay and Accounts Office and DCRG has also been paid to them.

(c) and (d) Does not arise in view of reply to part (b) above.

Payment of arrears to CPWD Employees after implementation of Arbitration Report

2581. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of Lift Operators in CPWD, Electrical Division-III who retired since 1988;

(b) whether CPWD have implemented Arbitration Report regarding revision of pay scales of some technical staff of CPWD like Lift Operators; whether the CPWD have paid the arrears following the revision in the Pay scales to retired employees;

(c) whether a number of applications are still pending with CPWD authorities for payment of arrears and fixation of basic pay of retired employees, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the CPWD authorities would make payment of the arrears/fixation of basic pay to the Lift Operators who had retired from service since 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) Four.

(b) The Arbitration Award has been implemented and the payment of arrears made to all the retired employees of Electrical Division No. III before 31.3.94.

(c) and (d) No application from any retired employees of electrical Division No. III for payment of arrears and fixation of basic pay is reported to be pending with CPWD.

Submission of building plan by Moti Bagh Mutual Fund Aid Education (Vidya Niketan) Society

2582. SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 4181 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd April, 1994 and state:

(a) whether the building plan of the school submitted by Moti Bagh Mutual Fund Aid Education (Vidya Niketan) Society has since been approved; and

(b) if not, the reasons of such an inordinate delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As per information received from the Municipal

Corporation of Delhi, the building plans of the school submitted by Moti Bagh Mutual Fund Aid Education (Vidya Niketan) Society have not been approved by them. The MCD has also informed that the matter involves change in the layout plan and certain relaxations of the stipulations of Master Plan of Delhi 2001 in respect of area of plot; and hence the delay.

National Policy on Urban Development

2583. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are formulating a comprehensive national policy on urban development;

(b) how Government intend to ensure that such a policy is followed by the State Governments; and

(c) whether the provisions of Five Year Plan do not constitute the National Policy on Urban Development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The process for formulating a comprehensive national policy for urban development has been initiated. Urbanisation patterns and problems in India vary widely between States, being dependent on widely differing socio-economic conditions, resource endowments and historical, geographical, cultural and institutional factors. In view of these, no meaningful formulation of a national urban policy is possible without a realistic appraisal of the trends and issues of urban development at State and Regional levels. Therefore, as a first step, and exercise to develop State urban development strategy papers has been started. Preparation of a national policy on urban development is to be done by a process of consultations with State Governments and after series of deliberations and discussions. The process is expected to ensure adoption of the policy by the State Governments.

(c) The Five Year Plans in the past have provided for certain strategies and approaches to deal with important urban sector problems and have not spelt out a defined and comprehensive urban development policy.

Underground Air-Conditioned Market in Subhash Park

2584. SHRI JAGMOHAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to construct underground airconditioned market in the Subhash Park near Darya Ganj;

(b) whether such a proposal is not in total violation of the Delhi Master Plan and policy of de-congesting the Walled City; and

(c) how does the matter stand at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (c) There is no proposal under consideration of MCD as regards construction of underground airconditioned market in Subhash Park near Darya Ganj, Delhi.

(b) Question does not arise.

Insufficient Fund for Urban Poverty Alleviation Programmes

2585. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the funds earmarked for the urban poverty alleviation programmes, has been considerably reduced;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Ministry is planning to use this fund to other centres; and

(d) if so, what measures Government propose to take for the success of the Urban poverty alleviation programmes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) (i) The Nehru Rozgar Yojna (NRY) and (ii) Urban Basic Services for the Poor (UBSP) are the two Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the Urban Poverty Alleviation Programme. Since the